

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a markup on Thursday, March 15, 2001, after the first roll-call vote in the President's Room.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet on Thursday, March 15, 2001, at 9:30 a.m., on Army Corps of Engineers management reforms.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. WELLSTONE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Colleen Hermann of my staff be granted the privilege of the floor for today's debate.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

HONORING THE 48TH INFANTRY BRIGADE OF THE GEORGIA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of S. Con. Res. 25, submitted earlier today by Senators MILLER and CLELAND.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 25) honoring the service of the 1,200 soldiers of the 48th Infantry Brigade of the Georgia National Guard as they deploy to Bosnia for 9 months, recognizing their sacrifice while away from their jobs and families during that deployment, and recognizing the important role of all National Guard and Reserve personnel at home and abroad to the national security of the United States.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the concurrent resolution.

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the concurrent resolution be agreed to and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table and that any statements relating thereto be placed in the RECORD at the appropriate place as if read, with no intervening action or debate.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 25) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The text of the concurrent resolution is located in today's RECORD under "Submitted Resolutions.")

DESIGNATING MARCH 25, 2001, AS "GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY: A NATIONAL DAY OF CELEBRATION OF GREEK AND AMERICAN DEMOCRACY"

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 20, which was reported by the Judiciary Committee.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 20) designating March 25, 2001, as "Greek Independence Day: A National Day of Celebration of Greek and American Democracy."

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and, finally, that any statements relating to the resolution be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 20) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The text of the resolution is located in the RECORD of February 14, 2001, under "Submitted Resolutions.")

ORDERS FOR MONDAY, MARCH 19, 2001

Mr. SESSIONS. On behalf of the leader, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it adjourn until the hour of 12 noon on Monday, March 19.

I further ask consent that on Monday, immediately following the prayer, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed to have expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate then begin a period of morning business until 1 p.m., with Senators speaking therein for up to 10 minutes each, with the following exceptions: Senator DURBIN, or his designee, 12 noon to 12:30 p.m.; Senator MURKOWSKI, 12:30 to 12:50 p.m.; Senator THOMAS, or his designee, 12:50 to 1 p.m.

I further ask that following morning business, the Senate begin consideration of S. 27, the campaign finance reform bill, as under the previous order.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. SESSIONS. For the information of all Senators, the Senate will convene at 12 noon on Monday and be in a period of morning business until 1 p.m. Following morning business, the Senate will begin consideration of the campaign finance reform bill. Under the previous order, there will be up to 3 hours of debate on all first-degree amendments, with a vote on or in rela-

tion to the amendments to occur following the use or yielding back of time. Amendments are possible on Monday, and therefore votes are expected. However, any votes ordered on Monday will be postponed to occur at 5 p.m.

All Members should be aware that the next 2 weeks will be extremely busy, and everyone should expect votes throughout the day and evening.

ORDER FOR ADJOURNMENT

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order following the remarks of Senator BIDEN and Senator REID of Nevada.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The Senator from Delaware is recognized.

THE BANKRUPTCY BILL WILL NOT DISADVANTAGE WOMEN AND CHILDREN

Mr. BIDEN. Mr. President, I know my colleagues are accustomed to seeing me leave the Chamber 5 minutes after the last vote to catch a train to go home. As a colleague said today when I indicated I was going to speak this evening, they are sorry to see I am not on the train today. They are very happy that I commute every day.

The reason I am speaking at this time is that I did not want to postpone the vote on the bankruptcy bill which, I might add, to state the obvious, passed overwhelmingly, with overwhelming bipartisan support. Only 14 Democrats voted against it and 1 Republican, as I best counted. So this was an overwhelming vindication of the point that this bill is at least thought by the vast majority of the Senate in both parties to be a fair and equitable bill.

But I want to go into some detail on this point, and it will take me somewhere in the range of 10 to 15 minutes to do it. This is the one portion of the bill that particularly Democratic colleagues most asked me about: Are women and children disadvantaged by the new bankruptcy law we passed today, assuming it becomes law after conference and is signed by the President? The resounding answer is: No.

When some in the credit industry came to me and asked for my support for this legislation early on, I indicated I would be unable to support the legislation as initially proposed several years ago. I thought it required some significant changes. And not to my surprise, but to my satisfaction, there was little or no opposition to the proposed changes with which I was most concerned. I want to thank Christian Cabral, who is with me this evening on the floor, for putting together the material I asked for, which I am about to speak to, which will demonstrate just